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OF

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA,
October 16*th*, 1857.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon from 2d Sam. 23d chapter, 5th verse, by Rev. A. G. HUGHES, the last Moderator present.

Constituted with prayer.

Present: Thomas Lynch, William N. Mebane, E. Hines, J. Doll, A. G. Hughes, S. A. Stanfield, T. U. Faucette, C. K. Caldwell, J. M. Sherwood, J. J. Smyth, J. M. Atkinson, and J. I. Boozer, Ministers.

With Messrs. H. Scott, J. L. Woods, D. Craig, Hon. F. Nash, J. Vanderveer, Dr. D. C. Mebane, J. Wilson, and Dr. Charles L. Payne.

Absent: Revs. J. H. Pickard, E. W. Caruthers, D.D., A. Wilson, D.D., Robert Burwell, Geo. W. Ferrill, Thomas R. Owen, James Phillips, D.D., E. C. Bittinger, A. Currie, N. Z. Graves, F. N. Whaley, T. G. Wall, John M. Kirkpatrick, and John W. Montgomery.

Rev. JOSEPH M. ATKINSON was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. T. U. FAUCETTE and JOHN M. SHERWOOD, Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 17th, 1857.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery, who were present, rendered satisfactory reasons for absence.

A call was presented from the Milton Church, for the pastoral services of Rev. S. A. Stanfield, for all his time except one Sabbath in each month.

A communication was also received from the Spring Hill Church, signifying their acquiescence in the request for a transfer of the pastoral relation of Rev. S. A. Stanfield from their Church to the Church of Milton. Whereupon, Presbytery proceeded to dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. S. A. Stanfield and Spring Hill Church, and to place in his hands the call from the Church in Milton, and Rev. E. Hines was directed to declare the Church of Spring Hill vacant.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield signified his acceptance of the call from the Church of Milton.

Permission was granted to Red House Church to employ Rev. S. A. Stanfield as stated supply for one Sabbath in each month, on a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars a year.

Rev. F. N. Whaley and Mr. Freeman Leathe, a ruling Elder from Stony Creek Church, appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Rev. J. J. Smyth and Dr. Charles L. Payne were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Dr. D. C. Mebane was appointed Treasurer *pro tempore*.

The following pieces were assigned as parts of trial to Mr. Charles Phillips:

For a *Latin Exegesis*—" An Christus, ut pro nobis satisfaceret, debuerit esse verus Deus? "
Critical Exercise—Acts vii. 54–60.
Lecture—1 Peter, i. 1–5.
Popular Sermon—2 Cor. v. 14, 15.

The stated Clerk was ordered to forward a letter of dismission to Mr. Henry Hardie, a licentiate of this Presbytery, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester.

The request of Mr. John P. Neal, to have his name stricken from the roll of candidates, was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hines and Mebane.

This committee made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Whereas, a communication has been received from Mr. J. P. Neale, asking Presbytery to strike his name from its roll of candidates, in consequence of the threatened state of his health, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the request be not granted for the present.
2. *Resolved*, That Mr. Neale have liberty to suspend his studies until God, in his providence, shall see fit to make his way clear to resume them.
3. *Resolved*, That Mr. Neal be assured of the Christian sympathy of the members of this Presbytery in his affliction.

The report of the Committee of Domestic Missions was made the order of the day for Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Presbytery then spent an hour in devotional exercises.

Judge Nash and Mr. J. Wilson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Inquiry was then made as to the observance of the 3d chapter of the Directory for Public Worship, and the Ministers present reported that they had attended to the duty enjoined.

Supplies appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery were called upon to make their reports.

Revs. A. Currie and J. W. Montgomery appeared in Presbytery, and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D., of Union Theological Seminary, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Dr. Smith was invited to address the Presbytery on the interests of the Seminary immediately after preaching to night.

Rev. F. N. Whaley and Dr. D. C. Mebane were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Revs. Messrs. Atkinson, Currie, Sherwood and Hughes, with Hon. A. W. Venable, Dr. C. L. Payne, Dr. J. Z. Davis, Mr. Stephen Neal and Jesse H. Lindsay, Esq., were nominated as commissioners to the next General Assembly.

The Committee, to which was referred the subject of Standing

Committees on Examination of Candidates, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

"The Committee to which was referred the subject of Standing Committees of Examination, recommend to Presbytery the adoption of the following as a substitute for the paper on the same subject, adopted at Bethesda, Nov. 6th, 1856. (See Rec. 173 sess.)

The Presbytery of Orange, while holding that the first and best qualification for the holy Ministry is deep and ardent piety, is at this time fully convinced that "it is highly reproachful to religion and dangerous to the Church to intrust the holy ministry to weak and ignorant men." Form of Government, xiv. 4, and that it is becoming every year more vitally important that the literary and scientific qualifications of ministers should be of a high grade. In order, therefore, that our candidates may know our views, and be made acquainted with the branches upon which they may expect to be examined, the following resolutions are ordered to be put on record among the standing rules of Presbytery:

1. That our candidates will be examined upon Geography, (Ancient and Modern); General History; the Latin, Greek and Hebrew Languages; the elements of the Physical Sciences, viz: Astronomy, Geology, &c.; Mental Philosophy, Moral Science and Logic, and that these examinations be conducted by committees, who shall report to Presbytery.

2. That the examinations on Theology, Natural and Revealed, on Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments and Church Government, be conducted by Standing Committees in open Presbytery; each member of Presbytery to exercise his right of asking what questions he pleases, after the Committee have concluded.

3. That the Standing Committees for examination be as follows, provided that the Moderator for the time being be empowered to fill all vacancies on the second day of Presbytery, and to appoint one Ruling on each Committee.

1. *On Geography and History*—A. G. Hughes, F. N. Whaley and George W. Ferrill.
2. *Latin, Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercises*—A. Wilson, D. D., Wm. N. Mebane and T. U. Faucette.
3. *Greek, Hebrew and Logic*—S. A. Stanfield, J. M. Kirkpatrick and Joseph M. Atkinson.
4. *Physical Sciences*—J. Phillips, D. D., T. G. Wall and William N. Mebane.

5. *Mental and Moral Science*—J. M. Sherwood, S. A. Stanfield and Thomas R. Owen.
6. *Theology, Natural and Revealed*—J. J. Smith, J. Doll and C. K. Caldwell.
7. *Ecclesiastical History*—J. M. Atkinson, E. Hines and Thomas Lynch.
8. *Church Government and Sacraments*—E. W. Caruthers, D. D., A. Currie and J. W. Montgomery.

The following Ruling Elders were appointed to serve during the present sessions of Presbytery on the above named Committees, viz: On the 1st Committee, H. Scott; 2d, J. L. Woods; 3d, D. Craig; 4th, Hon. F. Nash; 5th, J. Vanderveer; 6th, Dr. D. C. Mebane; 7th, John Wilson; 8th, Dr. Charles L. Payne.

Resolved, 1—That the Churches under the care of the Orange Presbytery be instructed, in accordance with Chapter 22d, Article 3d, Form of Government, to make provisions for defraying the expenses of their delegates to the meetings of Presbytery and Synod.

Resolved, 2d—That each Pastor and stated supply be instructed to bring this subject to the notice of his session or congregation.

Resolved, 3d—That each Church be called upon at the Spring Session of Presbytery regarding its compliance with the above resolution.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield and Mr. J. Vanderveer were appointed a Committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion for the Synod of North Carolina.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had written, as directed at the last meeting of Presbytery, to Rev. Charles Hodge, D. D., respecting the Female Scholarship in Princeton Seminary, and read a letter that he had received in reply. This letter of Dr. Hodge was deemed satisfactory.

Resolved, That the next regular meeting of Presbytery be held at Washington, N. C., to commence on Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

[*Note.*—The place was subsequently changed to Hawfields. See proceedings at Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 22d, 1857.]

Messrs. Mebane, Stanfield and Nash were appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the late Rev. E. Mitchell, D. D.

Resolved, That the next annual collection in our Churches for Church extension be appropriated for the completion of the Church building in Graham.

After preaching, Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., addressed the Presbytery, according to previous appointment.

The examination of candidates was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Presbytery then adjourned until Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, October 19th, 1857.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The order of the day was suspended until 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield, with Rev. F. N. Whaley, alternate, was appointed to preach the next semi-annual sermon before the Presbytery, on "The relation of Baptized Children to the Church."

The order of the day was then taken up, and the examination of Messrs. Russell and Jordan on Natural and Revealed Theology was sustained as part of trial.

The Committee on Greek, Hebrew and Logic recommended that the examination of Mr. Jordan on Hebrew, and Mr. Russell on Greek, Hebrew and Logic, and Mr. Denny on Hebrew, be sustained, which report was accepted and adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to purchase for the use of Presbytery one hundred blank commissions.

Friday before the second Sabbath in December was appointed for the installation of Rev. S. A. Stanfield, Pastor of the Church in Milton:—Rev. J. J. Smyth to preside and preach the sermon, Rev. C. K. Caldwell his alternate; Rev. J. Doll to charge the people, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick his alternate; Rev. Wm. N. Mebane to charge the Pastor, Rev. J. W. Montgomery his alternate.

At 11 o'clock, the Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Atkinson, on "Family Government," from Gen. XVIII, 19th verse.

Mr. Daniel McGilvary, a licentiate who had been dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, signified his disposition to remain under the care of this Presbytery, and returned the certificate of dismission which had been granted to him.

Rev. E. W. Caruthers, D. D., appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Messrs. Craig and Scott obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. Simeon Colton, D. D. of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A paper on the subject of Domestic Missions was presented to Presbytery and read. Its consideration was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

The examination of Messrs. Russell and Jordan on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and the Sacraments, was sustained as part of trial.

The Committee on the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercises of Messrs. Russell and Jordan, recommended that they be sustained as parts of trial, which recommendation was adopted. The lectures of these candidates were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. J. J. Smith and Rev. J. Doll. This Committee recommended that they be both sustained as parts of trial, which recommendation was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for 7 o'clock P. M., to hear the Popular Sermons of Messrs. Russell and Jordan.

The Rev. Robert Burwell was, at his own request, dismissed from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Concord.

The following Ministers and Ruling Elders were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly: Rev. J. M. Atkinson, with Rev. J. M. Sherwood, alternate; Rev. A. Currie, with Rev. A. G. Hughes, alternate; Dr. Charles L. Payne, with Mr. J. H. Lindsay, alternate; Dr. J. Z. Davis, with Mr. Stephen Neal, alternate.

The Chairman of the Historical Committee made the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee appointed to write the history of Orange Presbytery,

beg leave to make the following report of the progress made in the business assigned them :

In compliance with an order passed by Presbytery at its last sessions, a printed circular, containing most of the questions which we thought it important to have answered, has been sent to the Ministers and Sessions within our bounds, to which replies, some of which were pretty full and satisfactory, and others containing very little, have been received from the following Churches, viz: Clarkesville, Fairfield, Geneva, Spring Grove, Grassy Creek, Nutbush, Shiloh, Graham, Raleigh, Newbern, Madison, Milton, Lexington, Penuil, Washington, Alamance, Greensboro, Yanceyville and Stony Creek.

From the following no report has been received, viz: Bethany, Chapel Hill, Bethlehem, Murfreesboro', Hillsboro', Gum Grove, New Hope, Grier's, Cross Roads, Hawfields, Eno, Buffalo, Bethel, Spring Hill, Harmony, Oxford, Little River, Danville, Bethesda, Speedwell, Ashboro', Snow Creek, Pittsboro', Red House, Louisburg, Milburnie and Gilead.

From the amount of materials collected by the partial, and, we fear, not very enthusiastic efforts already made, your Committee think that you have ample encouragement to persevere, and that by a more zealous and pains-taking course of effort on the part of all the brethren, Ministers and Elders, we shall be able, if Providence permit. to make a more gratifying report at our next meeting.

E. W. CARUTHERS, *Chairman.*

This Committee was continued, and all the Churches that have not yet reported were directed to do so before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Messrs. Russell and Jordan preached their trial sermons, which were sustained as parts of trial. All the trials of these candidates were then sustained.

At Lexington, N. C., on the 19th day of October, 1857, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favor of George A. Russell and D. E. Jordan, of their having gone through a regular course of literature, of their good moral character, and of their being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure; and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all

these parts of trial; and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do license them, the said George A. Russell and D. E. Jordan, to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else they shall be orderly called.

The Moderator, according to a custom of Presbytery, presented each of the licentiates with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, October 20th, 1857.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The order of the day was suspended until 10 o'clock.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have the Presbyterial report to the General Assembly printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of Presbytery.

The Free Conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Montgomery, giving an explanation respecting the return of a communication formerly sent to them by this Presbytery, disclaiming any intentional disrespect. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That we approve the course pursued by our Stated Clerk in this matter, and are of opinion that he was right in laying before the Presbytery the whole correspondence.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz: the consideration of the paper on the subject of Domestic Missions. After some discussion, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Education was discharged, and the following Committee was appointed, viz: Rev. Archibald Currie, Rev.

A. G. Hughes, Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., Mr. Giles Mebane and Mr. J. N. Clark.

Rev. John W. Montgomery was authorized to organize a Church at Mount Airy, if the way be open.

The order of the day, viz: the Free Conversation on the state of religion, was then taken up.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the Minutes of the General Assembly, report that they have examined them, and recommend that Presbytery call the attention of our pastors and congregations to the following particulars, viz:

First—To overture No 14, page 38 of the Assembly's Minutes for 1857, on the posture in public prayer, which is as follows:

The Committee recommend that the Assembly repeat the testimony borne by them on this subject in 1849:—That the posture of sitting in public prayer be considered grievously improper, whenever the infirmities of the worshiper do not render it necessary, and that the ministers be required to reprove it with persevering admonition, which recommendation was adopted.

Secondly—That it be recommended to all our Churches to observe the last Thursday of February in concert of united, earnest prayer, for the conversion of young men in our schools and colleges.

Thirdly. In view of the present urgent appeals from the Boards of our Church, that greater efforts be made to increase the amount of our contributions.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of Rev. E. Mitchell, D. D., presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed to draw up a minute in reference to the death of Rev Elisha Mitchell, D. D., would report that—

Inasmuch as it has pleased God to remove from us suddenly, by a mysterious providence, our beloved brother, Elisha Mitchell—nearly thirty-six years a member of our Presbytery, and for thirty-nine years a Professor in the University of North Carolina, having filled successively the chairs of Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology—it becomes us, whilst we deplore our

weighty loss, to submit humbly to the stroke laid upon us. Let us remember that we are now taught in this providence that the time is short, and that no loveliness, nor usefulness, nor learning, can exempt us from the solemn call that soon awaits each of us.

We recommend that a copy of this minute be sent to the family of our deceased brother, with the hearty sympathy of this Presbytery.

Wm. N. Mebane, *Chairman.*

Dr. D. C. Mebane obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Chairman of the Committee of Domestic Missions made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be filed away with the papers of the said Committee.

An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Pittsboro', on Friday evening before the second Sabbath in December, to ordain Mr. Willis L. Miller, *sine titulo*, and to license Mr. Charles Phillips, if the way be open, and that the Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson preside and preach the sermon, and Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., give the charge to the Evangelist.

Proverbs, xxiii. 26, was appointed as the subject for Mr. Miller's trial sermon.

The following arrangement was made for the ordination of Mr. Daniel McGilvary:—Rev. James Phillips, D. D., to preside and preach the sermon, Rev. J. J. Smyth his alternate; Rev. William N. Mebane to deliver the charge, and Rev. F. N. Whaley his alternate.

1 John, ii. 6, was appointed as the subject of Mr. McGilvary's trial sermon.

The Committee on the narrative of the state of religion made a report, which was accepted and adopted. This report was ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Lexington for their kind hospitality to its members during these sessions; to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of their house of worship, and to the directors of the Central Railroad, for their liberality in giving return tickets over their road.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Charlotte, N. C., during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

J. DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

Charlotte, N. C., October 22d, 1857.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

Rev. P. H. Dalton presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Concord, and after the usual examination, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The Committee of Domestic Missions reported the following list of supplies, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

Lexington—Messrs. Dalton and Smyth.
Hillsboro'—Messrs. Wilson, Russell, Hughes, Currie and J. Phillips.
Johnston—Messrs. Miller, Faucette, Currie and Atkinson.
Spring Hill—Messrs. Hines, Whaley, Stanfield and Kirkpatrick.
Chapel Hill—Mr. Smyth.
Mount Airy—Messrs. Montgomery, Caldwell and Caruthers.
Stony Creek—Messrs. Montgomery, Wilson and Lynch.
Beaufort—Mr. Sherwood.
Grassy Creek—Messrs. Faucette, Hines and Ferrill.
Roxboro'—Mr. Stanfield.
Winston—Messrs. Doll and Dalton.
Hillsdale—Mr. Mebane.

Rev. A. G. Hughes was authorized to organize a Church at Haywood, in Chatham Co., if the way be open.

The appointment of Washington for the place of the next meeting of Presbytery was re-considered, and Hawfields was substituted for Washington.

Presbytery then took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

October 23*rd*, 1857.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and adjourned to meet at Pittsboro', N. C., on Friday before the second Sabbath in December, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

J. DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING

AT PITTSBORO'.

Pittsboro', N. C., Dec. 11*th*, 1857.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon from Psalm 102d, 16th verse: "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory."

Constituted with prayer.

Present: Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., James Phillips, D. D., Rev. A. G. Hughes and Rev. J. M. Atkinson, with Messrs. W. J. Bingham, R. McIntosh and Charles Phillips, Ruling Elders.

Rev. A. G. Hughes was chosen temporary Clerk.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, December 12*th*, 1857.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Members present as above.

The examination of Messrs. Willis L. Miller, Daniel McGil-

vary and Charles Phillips was then taken up; the first two with a view to their ordination, and the latter with a view to licensure. These brethren were examined on their experimental acquaintance with religion, their motives for seeking the sacred office, on theology, Church history, and the sacraments. These examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Philips then read a Latin Exegisis. Also, a Critical Exercise on Acts, 7th chapter, 54th to 60th verses, both of which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. McGilvary preached a sermon on 1 John, II. 6, which was sustained as part of trial.

The candidates were then examined on Church Government, which examination was sustained as part of trial.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. Willis L. Miller was presented to Presbytery from the Church of Pittsboro'. This call was placed in the hands of Mr. Miller, and he having signified his acceptance of the same, Rev. A. G. Hughes was appointed, in connection with previous arrangements, to deliver a charge to the people.

The time for the next regular meeting of Presbytery at Hawfield Church was changed from Wednesday, the 21st day of April, 1858, at 7 o'clock P. M., to Thursday, the 22d day of April, 1858, at 12 o'clock M.

Mr. Charles Phillips read a popular sermon from 1 Peter, I. 1–5, which was sustained as a part of trial.

Mr. Willis L. Miller read a popular sermon from Prov. XXIII. 26, which was sustained as a part of trial.

All the trials of Messrs. McGilvary, Miller and Phillips were then sustained as a whole.

In the absence of Rev. W. N. Mebane and his alternate, Rev. F. N. Whaley, the Rev. James Phillips, D. D., was appointed to deliver a charge to Mr. McGilvary.

Rev. James Phillips, D. D., was appointed to preside and propose the constitutional questions at the licensure of Mr. Charles Phillips.

At Pittsboro', N. C., on the 12th day of December, 1857, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favor of Mr. Charles Phillips, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character, and of his

being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said Charles Phillips, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Sabbath Day, Dec. 13th, 1857.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as above.

The Moderator preached the ordination sermon from Matt. 13th chap., 33d verse.

Mr. Willis L. Miller having passed a satisfactory examination, and having answered in the affirmative the questions required by our Form of Government, the Presbytery did by prayer, and with the laying on of their hands, according to apostolic example, solemnly ordain him to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry.

The Presbytery at the same time also installed him Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Pittsboro'.

Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., charged the Pastor, and Rev. A. G. Hughes delivered a charge to the people.

Mr. Miller then took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

At 7 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met, and Rev. James Phillips, D. D., according to a previous arrangement, presided and preached the ordination sermon, from Eph. iv, 13–15.

Mr. Daniel McGilvary, having passed a satisfactory examination, and having answered in the affirmative the questions required by our Form of Government, the Presbytery did, by prayer and with the laying on of their hands, according to apostolic example, solemnly ordain him to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, with a view to his entering upon the work of a Missionary in Siam.

Rev. James Phillips, D. D., delivered a charge to the newly ordained Evangelist.

Mr. McGilvary then took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Pittsboro' for their kind hospitality to its members during these sessions.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Hawfields on Thursday, the 22d day of April, 1858, at 12 o'clock M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. DOLL, *Stated Clerk.*